**7 ELA Mid-Winter Break Homework**

**Due Monday, February 23, 2015**

1. **Kaplan Keys Advantage Workbook:**
   1. Review the Kaplan 3-Step Method for Reading on page viii
   2. Complete exercises and sections from pages 3 to 53
      1. *Unit 1 (Strategies Before You Read): Lessons 1 & 2*
      2. *Unit 2 (Strategies While You Read): Lessons 1, 2 & 3*
2. **Narrative Writing: 4-6 Paragraph Essay on a Long-time or Lifelong Dream:**
   1. We will be reading *The Dreamer* by Pam Munoz Ryan in our next unit. In anticipation of the new unit, please complete a narrative essay 4-6 paragraphs long, in which you describe a “long-time” or “lifelong” dream of yours. (For example, in your essay, you may discuss a career goal you’ve set for yourself, or tell readers an important wish that you once had, etc. Thus, you will not be repeating details about a nightmare or other bedtime dreams.)
   2. You may want to structure your narrative essay in the following way, adding extra body paragraphs as needed:
      1. Hook
      2. Intro
      3. Body
      4. Conclusion
   3. For this assignment, you will be graded on effort.
3. **Independent Reading:** 
   1. Read your independent reading book for at least 15 minutes a day.
   2. Make sure you bring the independent reading book that you’re currently reading or a new independent reading book to class on Monday, February 23rd.
   3. Track total pages read below:

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1. **Parent/Guardian Signature:**
   1. Review this assignment sheet with your parent or guardian. Ask him or her to sign below.
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